

Recognising in these events the judgment of Almighty God, your Majesty lately appointed a day of public humiliation "to obtain His pardon for our sins, and to implore His blessing and assistance on our arms for the restoration of tranquillity."

Your Memorialists therefore humbly venture to bring under your Majesty's consideration some things in the system of Government hitherto pursued in your Majesty's territories in the East Indies, which, as they conceive, have been at variance with the duty of Christian rulers.

The Government of India has professed to occupy a position of neutrality between the Christian and false religions. Such profession, as your Memorialists believe, dishonours the truth of God, practically discourages the progress of Christianity, and is inimical to the social welfare of the natives. Especially they conceive it to be inconsistent with a right discharge of the duties of Government in endeavouring to repress those anti-social evils which are mainly attributable to caste-distinctions, public indecency in idolatrous rites, and generally to a false standard of morality—evils which have been fearfully exhibited amidst the revolting cruelties of the present rebellion, and which can only be effectually counteracted by recognising the Christian religion as the basis of the law and social order.

Your Memorialists also humbly submit that neutrality has not been, and cannot be practically maintained by a Christian Government in the midst of Hindu and Mohammedan institutions. The Government, for example, has been compelled to suppress by law, certain so-called religious practices, which violated the laws of humanity; and, while professing to respect false religions, has unavoidably undermined their foundations by educational and social improvements. Thus your Majesty's Government has presented to the people of India a disingenuous aspect, and has exposed itself to the charge, falsely alleged against it by the mutineers, of designing to make them Christians by fraud or coercion.

Your Memorialists would therefore humbly beseech your Majesty to have it declared to the Public Authorities in the East Indies—

1. That the existing policy will be no longer professed or maintained; but that, as it is the belief of your Majesty and of this Christian nation that the adoption of the Christian religion, upon an intelligent conviction of its truth, will be an incalculable benefit to the natives of India, the countenance and aid of Government will be given to any legitimate measures for bringing that religion under their notice and investigation.

2. That since the Government, in addition to maintaining its own educational establishments, provides grants-in-aid to all other schools which provide a prescribed amount of secular knowledge, according to the principles laid down in its Educational Despatch of July 19, 1854; the Bible will be introduced into the system of education in all the Government schools and colleges, as the only standard of moral rectitude, and the source of those Christian principles upon which your Majesty's Government is to be conducted.

3. That any connexion which may still subsist between the Indian Government and the revenues or ceremonies of the Mohammedan, Hindu, or other false religions, shall at once cease and determine.

Your Memorialists humbly suggest that it should at the same time be made known to your Majesty's Mohammedan and heathen subjects, that attendance at Government schools and colleges is, and will be, purely voluntary; that Christian principles forbid the employment of fraud, bribery or coercion, of any kind whatever, as the means of inducing men to profess the Christian

faith, and allow to every man the free exercise of his choice or conscience in religious matters; and that, in conformity with these principles, none of the rites or usages of the Hindu or Mohammedan religions will be interfered with, unless at variance with humanity or public decency.

Finally, your Majesty's Memorialists humbly submit to your Majesty that there can be no fitter time for inaugurating these changes than when the armies of England have gained a signal triumph through the blessing of Almighty God, and British authority in India appears again in its strength and confidence.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

—Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette.

**PREACHING IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY.**—Driven from Exeter Hall, the promoters of the new religious movement among the working classes have suddenly remembered that there are cathedrals and churches erected for worship. The good men who began the wholesome movement of preaching to the poor forgot their own homes—they ignored St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey. They have opened the latter for evening service, and on Sunday night last Dean French looked down from his pulpit on 3,000 people. Why was that not thought of and done before? Why is Westminster Abbey to be closed against the purpose for which it exists, and Exeter Hall to be converted to a purpose unsanctioned by law?—*Colonist*.

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**—It may be recollected that the government some time ago withdrew the *Regium Donum* of £200 biennially granted to the Scottish Episcopal Church, which sum, amounting to £600 per annum, was almost equally divided in supplement of the incomes of the bishops and stipend aid to the poorer clergy. To compensate for the loss thereby sustained a very liberal subscription has been entered into by the wealthier members of that church, and subscriptions to the amount of £14,000 or £15,000 have been advertised, in addition to £1000 for procuring residences for the bishops. The subscribers to this capital sum have the option of immediate or periodical payment within five years. Among the larger contributors are Sir John Maxwell, £2000; the Duke of Buccleuch, £1000; the Marquis of Lothian, £500; Lord Rollo, £500; Lady Montague, £500; Sir Archibald Edmonstone, £500; Mr. Malcolm of Pottaloch, Mr. Oswald, of Auchincruive, £500; Mr. W. G. Don, £500; Sir William Forbes, £300; Mr. Stewart Nicholson, of Carnock, £300; the Right Honourable W. E. Gladstone, £200; Lady Preston Hay, Richmond, £200, &c.

"A party of parishioners and others to the number of at least 120 assembled on the evening of the 8th instant at the house of the Rev. James L. Alexander, Stoney Creek, and brought with them, to supply his granary and store-room, a quantity of grain and provisions, to the value of \$50; and, after spending with him a pleasant and social evening, presented him, before taking their leave, the sum of \$62 in cash."—*Communicated*.

**STAINING IN GLASS.**—The stained glass window, in the school attached to St. George's Church, referred to in yesterday's issue, in execution and design far surpasses any thing which has hitherto been produced in this Province. The window is in three compartments, with tracery; in the centre is a banner richly emblazoned with the name and date of erection of the school; over which is placed, in brilliant colouring, a lamb and banner, emblems of our Saviour's meekness and dominion; in the side openings are the emblems of the two

christian tenets, with appropriate scriptural texts, the whole surmounted with a rich tracery, including the dove, the mitre, and the Holy Bible. Should any of our readers feel inclined to take a walk westward, and view this window, it will amply repay their trouble; for our own part, we were not aware that the art of staining glass was carried to such perfection in our new country. It was executed at the factory of M'Causland and Bullock, Temperance-street, and we sincerely trust that these artists will meet due encouragement in the expensive business in which they have embarked. No more beautiful and at the same time appropriate presentation could be made to a church or church school house than a similar window. In England, memorial windows are frequently erected to the memory of friends who have passed away. We omitted yesterday to mention that there are four smaller windows, also of stained glass, which have likewise been presented by ladies of the congregation.—*Colonist*.

## DIOCESE OF HURON.

A local meeting of the Church Society, lately held at Paris, was very numerously attended, the Bishop of Huron being present, and concluding the highly satisfactory proceedings with an eloquent and very impressive address, which affords high gratification to all. A cordial Address was presented to the Bishop, on behalf of the parish, by the Rector (Dr. Townley), the Churchwardens and Vestrymen.

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